



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS**

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**Wednesday, August 10, 2016**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-4058)

**Attachments:**    [AUDIO](#)

Present:            Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews,  
Commissioner Susan Burton, Commissioner Percy Duran III and  
Commissioner Eleanor R. Montaña

Excused:          Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Johanna  
Arias-Bhatia, Commissioner Anne S. Hill and Commissioner  
Theresa Zhen

Staff present: Cesar Hernandez and Roy Sinclair. (16-4059)

Call to Order. (16-3977)

**Chairperson Bigby called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.**

**Chairperson Bigby led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of  
silence.**

**Self-introductions were made by all in attendance.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the August 3, 2016 Minutes. (16-3978)

**On motion of Commissioner Percy Duran, III, seconded by Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

**II. REPORTS**

2. Chairperson's Report on various items. (16-3979)

**There was no report presented.**

3. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (16-3980)

**Staff provided an update regarding the upcoming mandatory trainings for all Commissioners.**

4. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections. (16-3982)

**During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:**

**Chairperson Bigby and Commissioner Duran visited:**

**Men's Central Jail (Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA) on August 4, 2016 and noted that this was a follow-up visit to Richard Wade Roberts' letter to the Commission regarding alleged mis-treatment by two deputies and the on-staff physician taking away his walker. The Commissioners were told by the on-duty nurse that their concerns regarding the inmate's complaint will be forwarded to the head physician to investigate the matter. The SBC will be provided an update regarding the results of the investigation once completed.**

**Commissioners Andrews and Montañó visited:**

**Fleming and Barnes Diamondale Adolescent #1 (North Anaheim Place, Long Beach, CA) on August 4, 2016 and noted that the owners plan to**

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open another group home within the next two months in Gardena, CA.

Commissioner Burton visited:

Men's Central Jail - Modules 32-34 and 36-38 (Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA) on July 20, 2016 and noted that there is excess water on the floor in Room 0020. A work order will be placed by Deputy Gutierrez to address the situation.

Commissioner Montaña visited:

Optimist (Burnet Avenue, Van Nuys, CA) on August 9, 2016  
Aviva Center (Camino Palmero, Los Angeles, CA) on August 8, 2016

Not Home:

Chairperson Bigby visited:

Five Acres - Solita Group Home (Solita Road, Pasadena, CA) on August 5, 2016.

### **III. DISCUSSIONS**

5. Discussion with District Attorney Jackie Lacey regarding Mental Health issues. (16-3897)

Jackie Lacey, Los Angeles County District Attorney, provided a brief overview of her career experience and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's (DA) Office functions. The DA's office created the Office of Diversion and Re-Entry and is under the direction of former Judge Pete Espinosa; five additional courts (collaborative) have been opened and are under the direction of special judges. Those special judges use the justice system to leverage and help people get permanent housing and/or drug and alcohol treatment.

Ms. Lacey also stated that the DA's Office has several noteworthy accomplishments, which includes funding a mandatory 16-hour mental health training academy for all officers. Through funding from Senate Bill No. 69 (SB69) the DA's Office opened five Regional Urgent Care Mental Health Centers. The DA's Office can provide permanent housing for 1000 people who require mental health care and are engaged in the justice system and have current open cases.

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**Ms. Lacey concluded by stating that the DA's office created a Conviction Review Unit. In 1993 the DA's Office in partnership with the Constitutional Rights Foundation established the Project LEAD educational program to teach children (5th graders) that the choices they make today can affect their lives forever. The 20-week curriculum focuses on the legal and social consequences of juvenile crimes. There are currently 179 such classes in Los Angeles County.**

**The Commission thanked Ms. Lacey for her presentation and taking time to address the Commission's concerns.**

6. Discussion on revisions to the Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections ordinance to expand their role and duties as Commissioners. (16-3656)

**This item was continued without discussion to the August 24, 2016 meeting.**

7. Discussion and appropriate action on drafting a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding resources offered to released inmates through the Community Transition Unit. (16-3976)

**This item was continued without discussion to the August 24, 2016 meeting.**

#### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **Matters Not Posted**

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-3986)

**There were no matters presented for a future agenda.**

##### **Public Comment**

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-3988)

**There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.**

**Adjournment**

10. Adjournment for the meeting of August 10, 2016. (16-3989)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Bigby adjourned the meeting of August 10, 2016 at 11:54 a.m.**